

## **Catch the Reading Bug!**

If a leaf beetle was the size of a 150 pound person, it could pull a load weighing 6,000 pounds - that's the weight of a young blue whale! A flea the size of a normal human could jump 800 feet, which is like jumping over a 50 story building. A mosquito the size of a 100 pound person could drink 12 gallons of water for lunch. If an aphid was a human, it could have 91,000 babies between the age of 15 and 50! These are just a few of the facts on the life of bugs that children's and teen librarians learned in Frankfort this month.

The 2008 Summer Reading Program will explore the world of insects and far beyond. The children's theme - Catch the Reading Bug - and the teen theme - Metamorphosis @ Your Library - will feature science, games, art activities, and much more to help young people across Kentucky sharpen their reading skills. Summer Reading Programs are held in libraries across the country each year to encourage and motivate children and families to read for pleasure, to help school age children maintain their reading skills while on vacation and to introduce children and their families to the resources of the public library.

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) once again sponsored the Summer Reading Program Workshops this past February 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Reading Program Workshops are held each year to provide Kentucky children's librarians with the training and resources needed to prepare for their library's programs. This year's workshops featured training, recommended books, websites, programming ideas and more related to the world of insects.

The room where the workshops were held was a virtual museum of bug related materials. Several tables had large display boards created by regional groups of children's and teen librarians with bug books, pictures and other insect related items. Exhibits of children's books and professional titles were also on display. KDLA's State Library Services representatives were on hand to show what the state library has to offer in support of local library summer reading programs.

Entomology is the study of insects and the featured speaker at this year's workshops was University of Kentucky Extension Entomologist Blake Newton. His 2-hour morning presentation focused on the diversity of insect life and the kinds of bugs commonly found in Kentucky. According to Newton, there are about a million different species of insects, including around 10,000 different species in Kentucky alone, and there is more

diversity among these creatures than any other on earth. Three out of four creatures on earth are insects.

Newton revealed to attendees the good, the bad and the ugly of Kentucky bugs. He pointed out which insects could be dangerous and should be avoided. Bees and yellow jackets are the most dangerous of Kentucky's insect groups. This is because many people are allergic to bee stings, which could result in sickness or even death. Also yellow jackets attack in packs, so if one attacks the entire group tends to follow. Mosquitoes and ticks are also potentially dangerous because of diseases they could carry, although it is rare in Kentucky.

Newton went on to tell the audience about bugs that would be good to use in summer reading programming activities. Spiders are not insects but they are arthropods, and therefore bugs, and the tarantula is one of the most fascinating spiders for kids to examine. At a price of \$15 to \$40 for a 10+ year life span, tarantulas are a bargain. Worms also fall in the bug, but not an insect, category and mealworms are a great exhibit. Mealworms are the larval form of the mealworm beetle. They are easy to grow in a bucket, require little maintenance and are inexpensive.

Perhaps the highlight of the workshops was the Madagascar Hissing Cockroach. These insects are safe to handle, easy to raise and available at a low cost from pet stores. In fact, they are so readily available that Newton provided one in an enclosed coffee cup for each librarian to take back for their summer reading programming. Not to worry, he pointed out, they require little more than some lettuce to survive and they are not a hazard to infest the library because they would not survive long in this environment if they escape. Watch out though, he said, "if it's a female she may have some baby cockroaches in the cup with her by the time you get back to your library!"

After returning from the lunch break, participants took part in round table discussions and then were treated to "Twenty Minutes of Fame" presentations by Kentucky librarians. These presentations were on bug related books, poetry, games, activities and programming ideas for children and teens. Jenny Hyatt (Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library) presented information on "The Bug Institute", where kids can do hands on experiments with bugs. Colleen Hall and Kate Irwin (Jessamine County Public Library) told about a successful letterboxing program at their library, Stacey Bradbury (Hart County Public Library) talked about what she will do with her teens this summer, Meggan Conway (Lexington Public Library) showed the audience a summer reading game that can involve the community, and Kathy Crawford (Larue County Public Library) ended the day with a session on interactive poetry.

In all, 187 Kentucky librarians attended the 2008 Summer Reading Workshops. They learned that the queen termite lives 10 to 15 years, the mayfly lives for only a few hours, scorpions can live for more than a year without eating, only female mosquitoes bite and for every human there are one million ants. They also learned about bug related books, websites, crafts and activities. Participants left with some free books, plenty of materials, a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach (if they so desired) and a full supply of programming ideas to help Kentucky kids *Catch the Reading Bug!*

Additional information and resources from the workshops is available on the KDLA website at <http://kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/children/SRP08.htm>.

## **Library Legislative Day**

Library Legislative Day was held February 13<sup>th</sup> in Frankfort. Approximately 60 to 70 librarians and trustees braved icy conditions to urge legislators to provide the support public libraries in Kentucky need. Libraries are asking the legislature to include in the 2008-2010 budget \$6 million annually to support library equalization in every county in the form of operational support, \$2.225 million annually in construction funds to support the physical plant needs of libraries as they expand and grow in order to meet the increasing demand and \$11 million for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives expansion. Because every county in Kentucky would benefit from the funding of these needs, this year's theme is *Every County Wins!*

## **KPLA/KLTRT Conference**

*Kentucky Libraries: YOUR Place To Be* is the theme for the 2008 Kentucky Public Library Association/Kentucky Library Trustees Round Table (KPLA/KLTRT) Conference. This year's conference will be held April 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn - University Plaza in Bowling Green. Exhibits will be open Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to 5pm. A conference program and registration are available online at <http://www.kylibasn.org/upcomingconf353.cfm>. Contact your KDLA regional consultant if you have questions or need additional information.

## **National Library Week**

National Library Week is April 13<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>. It is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide. Julie Andrews has been named Honorary Chair for this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event.

## **National Family Literacy Conference**

The National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) is pleased to partner with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and the Kentucky Library Association for its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference *Family Literacy: Literacy Grows Families and Communities*, March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> in Louisville, KY. The National Conference on Family Literacy is the largest and most comprehensive event for educators, community leaders, philanthropists and government officials dedicated to family literacy. The conference draws participants from the U.S. and other countries.

Registration includes admission to all concurrent, featured and general sessions; admission to the poster session; ongoing admittance to the Exhibit Hall, including the Exhibitor's Reception on Sunday evening; the Banquet on Monday evening; and Brunch on Tuesday morning. Online registration is now available at <http://www.famlit.org/>.

## **‘Cross the Commonwealth**

The **Bowling Green Public Library** is opening a new branch in March. The Bob Kirby Branch Library is named after a long-time library supporter and former library board member who grew up in the area. The branch is located on the south side of town off Scottsville Road, adjacent to Greenwood High School. With over 7,500 square feet, the facility will also serve as the hub for the library's mobile units. Following the location's "soft opening" in March, a number of grand opening celebration activities will take place mid-April during National Library Week.

The **Fulton County Public Library** has purchased two Scan Pro 1000 microfilm readers, computers and monitors. The microfilm readers are connected to a computer and the microfilm images are digitized. The digitized images are transferred to a computer screen to be either saved to the hard drive or printed for a hard copy. The library was able to purchase the equipment from a \$23,300 Innovative Technology grant it received from KDLA.

Eight authors helped raise proceeds of \$18,000 for the **Lexington Public Library** as the guests of honor at eight dinners throughout Lexington on the evening of Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The dinners were the high point of the Lexington Public Library Foundation's fundraiser, "A Night of Literary Feasts," which drew 135 participants. The authors participating were Dogwood Stable President W. Cothran "Cot" Campbell, Jewish Studies scholar Theodore Rosengarten, Sisters in Crime President Nancy Pickard, T.J. MacGregor, author of more than 30 novels, former Saturday Night Live writer Patricia Marx, Pulitzer Prize finalist Betty DeRamus, Jenny White, author of *The Sultan's Seal* - named one of Booklist's "Top Ten First Novels of 2006", and William Cobb, 2007 winner of the Harper Lee Award for Distinguished Writing and author of six critically-acclaimed novels.

Markitha Arnold, business manager for the **Oldham County Public Library** has been named the winner of the 2007 Margaret S. Duvall Employee Excellence Award. She is the 14<sup>th</sup> library employee to win the award, which has been given out since 1991. It is named for Margaret S. Duvall, who was employed by the Oldham County Public Library from 1975 to 1989, to honor her commitment to literacy and outstanding library service.

St. Patrick's Day festivities will rock the **Campbell County Public Library**. Back by popular demand, *Silver Arm* performed for a packed room during their 2007 visit to the Cold Spring Branch. Their energetic instrumentals and haunting ballads are sure to impress you! All band members are faculty or board members of the Riley School of Irish Music. The band will be at the library on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Plan to be there for an evening of Celtic music at its best!

The **Marshall County Public Library** began a *Marshall County Reads* campaign in December 2007. A library patron is featured each month on the library's website, as well as on a series of printed ads and bookmarks that can be found at all of the branches. The person selected for the *Reads* campaign is a library supporter and well known in the community for their community service.

**Boone County Public Library** opened its new, 75,000 square foot Main Branch in Burlington on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Over 4,000 people attended the grand opening.

The **Graves County Public Library** has a newly formed Teen Advisory Board made up of eight to ten members who meet at least twice a month after school. The members take an active role advising the library on books, movies, games and events of interest to teens.

## **KLA Scholarship for Minority Students**

The Kentucky Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students was created in 2007 for the purpose getting increased numbers of minorities to pursue careers in the library profession in Kentucky. The scholarship is for minority candidates who show excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in librarianship.

The scholarship will be granted to a student entering or continuing their library education in an American Library Association (ALA) or National Council for Teacher Education (NCATE) - accredited library school in Kentucky. The recipient will receive a one-year student membership in KLA and a free student registration at the KLA annual meeting.

KLA encourages minority students to apply for the scholarship which is \$1000 per student, paid in two equal installments in August/September and in January. Contact the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment <http://www.ome.ky.gov/> for application information.

## **PLA 2008 Virtual Conference**

This year, librarians who can't make the trip to Minneapolis, MN will be able to participate virtually in the Public Library Association (PLA) National Conference. The PLA 2008 Virtual Conference will feature panel discussions, poster sessions, interactive workshops, and chats with colleagues, all from the comfort of your computer.

The Virtual Conference will include many familiar elements of the live conference, and a few that will be unique to the online venue such as live, interactive Webcasts; handouts and other supporting presentation materials; online poster sessions; and discussion boards, both general and subject-focused.

The PLA 2008 Virtual Conference will be held on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, during the PLA 12<sup>th</sup> National Conference. Each day will consist of five live programs. Individuals who register to attend PLA 2008 in Minneapolis will automatically receive access to the Virtual Conference as part of their registration.

Visit the PLA Conference website at <http://www.placonference.org/> to register for the virtual conference.

## Library to Record World War II Oral Histories

With more than a thousand World War II veterans dying each day and public interest piqued by the recent broadcast of Ken Burns' documentary, *The War*, the Lexington Public Library is preparing for a five-week effort to record the stories of veterans and others who lived through the era.

The library will be recording WWII oral histories at library locations from March 15<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup>. People wanting to tell their stories are invited to schedule a time to record by calling (859) 231-5577. The oral histories recorded during this time will be submitted to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, where they will be preserved as part of a national online database of oral histories.

The library will kick off this effort with swing music and dancing at 8 p.m. Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Central Library. During the kickoff, the library will show clips from a one-hour documentary produced by its cable channel staff and will unveil the book title for the fourth annual One Book One Lexington.

The event is free and open to the public. Those attending will receive a free copy of the library's World War II documentary.

The documentary features the experience of several Lexingtonians during World War II and will air on Library Cable Channel 20. One Book One Lexington—the community reading program that encourages everyone to read and discuss the same title—will feature a related title.

## LISjobs.com Online Community

LISjobs.com, the largest free library career portal on the Internet, is pleased to announce the launch of its new online community for librarians. Devoted entirely to career development and job hunting, these forums provide a space for librarians, LIS students, library workers, and information professionals to discuss professional development issues: <http://lisjobs.com/forum/>.

## Advocacy Online Classes

Advocacy classes will be available on your desktop this year. These live online classes will be held in April. Attendance at each of these will gain you 0.2 Certification Renewal Points. To learn more about these classes and to register online for them, here are the links:

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| • Advocacy: What is it?      | April 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 10 am to 12 noon ET |
| • Advocacy: Community        | April 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 10 am to 12 noon ET |
| • Advocacy: Public Officials | April 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10 am to 12 noon ET |
| • Advocacy: The Media        | April 30 <sup>th</sup> | 10 am to 12 noon ET |

Registration is available on the KDLA website at <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged/>

## Continuing Education Opportunities

### March

4	Reading Teens 2 Workshop	Louisville Free Public Library
5	Batch Processing in WorldCat Resource Sharing	Online
13	Reading Teens 2 Workshop	Boone County Public Library
14	Reading Teens 2 Workshop	Boone County Public Library
18	Reading Teens 2 Workshop	Lexington Public Library
19	Reading Teens 2 Workshop	Lexington Public Library
21	Reading Teens 2 Workshop	Floyd County Public Library
25-26	The Resource Sharing Detective: Citation Tracing	Online
26	Trends in Technology	Online

### April

4	Reading Teens 2 Workshop	Pulaski County Public Library
9-10	Basic MARC Tagging for Serials	Online
11	Reading Teens 2 Workshop	Bowling Green Public Library
22	Advocacy: What is it?	Online
23	Advocacy: Community	Online
23-24	Basic MARC Tagging for Books	Online
29	Advocacy: Public Officials	Online
30	Advocacy: The Media	Online

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